GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of Agricultural Commodities are declining rapidly during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)to(c) No, Sir. The wholesale prices of agricultural commodities which are broadly classified into two major groups namely, Food articles and Non food articles, have been maintaining an upward trend during the last five years. Annual Wholesale Price Index of Food articles has moved up from 331.1 in 1995 to 454.3 in 1999 and that of Non-food articles from 322.1 to 378.9 during the same period.